

**REMARKS:**

Applicant, First Data Corporation, respectfully requests that the enclosed Power of Attorney appointing the law firm of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, P.C., be filed and that confirmation of such filing be sent to this firm. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the prosecution of this matter can be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this Amendment regarding Serial No. 09/298,521 is being deposited with the United States Postal *via First-Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, BOX: NO FEE – AMENDMENT, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 28, 2001.

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(Applicant)

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